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KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Saturday, the 7th April, 1979/Chaitra 7, 1901 S E.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Vidhana Soudha, at Nine of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER (SRI P. VENKATARAMANA) in the Chair]

STARRED QUESTIONS

(To which Oral Answers were given)

Grading of cocoons in the markets

81. SRI M. C. BASAPPA (Chamarajanagar)—Will the Minister for Sericulture and Horticulture be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether Government is aware that the grading of cocoons is not taken up in the Cocoon Markets in the state;

(*b*) whether it is not a fact that grading will be helpful for the producers specially for the Filatures which are bulk consumers ;

(*c*) whether Government proposes to introduce grading of cocoons early in the markets.

SRI K. B. SHIVAIAH(Minister for Sericulture and Horticulture).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The proposal is under consideration.

SRI M. C. BASAPPA :— Sir, may I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government agrees in principle to introduce grading system in all the markets?

† SRI K. B. SHIVAIAH:—Sir, we have already introduced grading system on an experimental basis in Kanakapura Market. We are watching its results because there are some difficulties in this system. If it is successful, we will introduce in all the markets.

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† Indicates that remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.

SRI M. C. BASAPPA:—Sir, may I know from the Hon. Minister what are all the difficulties Government is facing to introduce the grading system?

SRI K. B. SHIVAIAH:—Sir, the difficulties are, there are number of lots. Every day we are getting about 300 to 400 lots. To conduct a sample survey and picking up from lots will take some time. Therefore, we have introduced the grading system on an experiment basis. If it proves successful, then we will introduce that system in all the markets even at the cost of other establishments.

SRI M. C. BASAPPA:—Sir, you have got markets located inside the filatures and filatures staff are already engaged in rendetting the cocoons. So, the Government can make use of the services of that staff for grading. Will the Government assure that necessary arrangements would be made to grade the cocoons which are located in the filatures market?

SRI K. B. SHIVAIAH:—Sir there is no difficulty to do that. But one other problem will arise. Supposing we grade the cocoons and fix a price, there must be an agency to purchase cocoons or the Government should come forward to purchase them. Now, we are bringing an amendment to the existing Act so that Government can fix up a selling price of the cocoons. We are thinking it seriously and an amendment will be brought to the existing Act.

SRI M. C. BASAPPA:—I understand that Government is trying to link the price with grading. But my suggestion is, first of all you grade the cocoon whatever may be its price. Then let the Government bid it. That will be a principal factor for the purchaser to run the bid.

SRI K. B. SHIVAIAH:—Sir, the Hon. Member has good knowledge about the silk and in reeling of cocoons. We intend to fix the price of graded cocoons because the grader should know what type of cocoons he gets for the price. It should also be made known to the buyer. I agree with the suggestion made by the Hon. Member. That is why we have introduced this system on an experiment basis in Kanakapura. If it is successful we will extend it to all the markets. That is the intention of the Government.

SRI S. R. BOMMAI:—Sir, the Hon. Minister for Sericulture will also appreciate and agrees for the grading system. There shall not be any relation between the price and the grading because there will be fluctuation in prices. Therefore, the grading system is very essential in silk market. Unless it is done the agriculturists will not get fair price. So, grading must be strictly enforced so far as silk is concerned.

SRI K. B. SHIVAIAH:—Sir, that is the intention of the Government. We have divided grading of cocoons into 5 groups *i.e.*, A.B.C. D.E. so that the grader can understand what type of quality he has brought to the market, what is the actual price and all that. He should not be cheated by the buyers. That is the intention of the Government. The present difficulty is we want to make a infrastructure which requires some establishment also. So, we have already introduced system at Kanakapura on a experiment basis. If it proves successful we will extend it to all the markets. Further, I would like to say more grading will not solve the problem of the markets. We should also think in terms of purchasing the cocoons. That is the intention of the Government.

Revision of salary of Archakas of the Temples of Mysore City

169 SRI H. GANGADHARAN (Krishnaraja).—Will the Minister of State for Major and Medium Irrigation and Muzrai be pleased to state.—

(a) whether it is a fact that important temples of Mysore City were being maintained and managed by the Royal Family of Mysore and after demise of Sri Jayachamaraja Wodeyar, the Management of such temples like Chamundeshwari Temple are taken over by Government ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Archakas of the above temples were paid periodical remuneration on various occasions and as well they were getting a nominal salary of Rs. 2 to 5 per month

(c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the salary of the said Archakas has not been revised and they are not given any help also at present ;

(d) if so, whether Government intend to revise their salary in view of their services to the temples?

SRI N. BASAVAIAH (Minister for Major and Medium Irrigation and Muzrai).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The temple servants were being paid a monthly salary. Some of them who had to perform duties only for a limited time are getting a nominal salary of Rs. 2 to 5 p. m.

(c) Yes.

(d) This question is under examination of the Management Committee of these Temples.